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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 13, as with the following amended paragraph:

H FIGS. 4-8 generally depict variations on the present invention. As used herein, the term "core" refers to an internal portion of a skin engaging member as examined at the cross-section. The core typically runs throughout the skin engaging member along an axis. The axis need not be the central axis. The FIGS. designate the core as 70. Embodiments of the present invention have at least one core element. As used herein, the term "sheath" refers to an outer coating layer(s) over the core 70. The FIGS. designate the sheath as 72.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 20, as with the following amended paragraph:

J Referring now to the drawings, and in particular to FIG. 4, there is shown an embodiment of the elongated skin engaging member 64. The member 64 has a skin engaging surface 74 and an elongated insert member 76. The insert member 76 is designed to frictionally lock in [[an]] the opening 66 as shown in FIG. 3. The skin engaging member further comprises [[a]] the rigid core 70 which is surrounded by [[a]] the sheath 72 made of a mixture of water insoluble matrix and an effective amount of a shaving aid.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 12, as with the following amended paragraph:

H 3 In an embodiment of the present invention a wear indicating effect is produced when the sheath and the core are made of disparately colored materials (e.g. white colored sheath and blue colored core). Upon use, the sheath at the skin engaging surface is typically worn off (or eroded) through use. With sufficient use, [[a]] the second colored region represented by the core is exposed, thus, providing the user with an indication that the shaving unit and/or skin engaging surface have reached their effective life. In a preferred embodiment, the sheath consists of a polyethylene oxide/polystyrene mixture which is white in color and the core consists of nylon and/or styrene which has been colored with a FD&C Blue No. 2 dye. Other suitable dyes or pigments include FD&C Red. No. 40, Erythrosine (FD&C Red. No. 3), Brilliant Blue FCF (FD&C Blue No. 1), Indigotine (FD&C Blue No. 2), Tartrazine (FD&C Yellow No. 5), Sunset

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Yellow FCF (FD&C Yellow No. 6) and Fast Green FCF (FD&C Green No. 3) and Titanium Dioxide.